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First United Methodist Church of Dothan - June 1, 2023

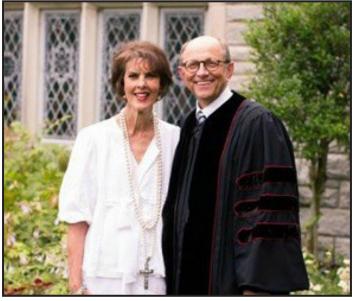
# Bishop Lawson Bryan is guest preacher June 4

Join us at 10 a.m. for a reception in the Parlor

Sunday, June 4, at the 8:30, 8:55, and 11 a.m. Services of Worship, Retired United Methodist Bishop and former Senior Pastor, R. Lawson Bryan, will be our guest preacher.

I was privileged to serve First United Methodist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, with Lawson and Sherrill from 2007-2013. He is a mentor in the ministry and he and Sherrill both serve as great examples of faith and life to me and Elizabeth. Serving together again in worship will be a great joy, and I hope that you are able to join us on Sunday morning!

Bishop Lawson Bryan served from 2016-2021 in the South Georgia Annual Conference as their Resident Bishop. He was raised in Dothan, and graduated from Dothan High School in 1968. He served in Opelika, Panama City, Florida, Brewton, Mobile, Dothan, and Montgomery before being elected Bishop. Lawson is married to Sherrill O. Cooper of Thomaston, Alabama, and they now live in Montgomery, to be close to their son, Philip, his wife, Brittany, and their two beautiful grandchildren.



Bishop R. Lawson Bryan and wife, Sherrill

At 10 a.m. we will host a reception for the Bryans in our Parlor. May we all welcome back Lawson and Sherrill as they inspire us again by proclaiming the Holy Word of God!

See You Sunday, David

### This We Pray: A service with Covenant Methodist to unite in prayer, music

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace." These well-known words penned by St. Francis of Assisi in the 11th century remain relevant nearly 800 years later. We, as Christians, continually struggle to sow love, faith, hope, and joy in the world.

When I first arrived at FUMC Dothan, I was spiritually battered. I was not alone; our congregation, choir, and community were also struggling to attain some sense of normalcy following COVID.

In January of 2022, Laura Grace Holmes, the traditional worship director at Covenant Methodist Church in Dothan, invited me to a welcome lunch. That day I met a kindred spirit, and we began discussing a joint concert for our churches.

By our second meeting, we



had agreed upon presenting a service of prayer and song. We both felt it was an important time to remind ourselves, the congregation, and the Dothan community that God is greater and unites us all.

Each piece presented on Sunday will lead the congregants

in meditation upon various topics. We will ask for God's guidance and mercy, we will pray for the weak, we will ask Him to infuse us with His spirit, and we will pray that He helps us take this spirit to the rest of the world.

This service will be a joyful expression of our relationship with Christ, and we encourage all people of every age to join us. Immediately following the service we will spill onto the front lawn and continue to fellowship and love one another with good food and conversation.

This is an amazing opportunity for all of us to begin restoring, reuniting, and revitalizing our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

- Erin M. Smith, Director of Music

## This week at FUMC Dothan

#### **CHILDREN**

J.A.M. Time (Jesus and Me Time)

Available during the 8:30 & 8:55 a.m. worship services.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 

Children's Bldg., 10-10:45 a.m.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** 

June 5 - 8 9 a.m. until noon

**FAMILY NIGHT AT WATER WORLD** 

June 7 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

FB: FUMC Dothan Children's Ministry

IG: fumc\_childrens\_ministry

#### **TWEENS**

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Rising 5th & 6th Graders

Tween Rm. 266, Sundays, 10 -10:45 a.m.

SHINE

June 5 - 8 9 a.m. until noon

FAMILY NIGHT AT WATER WORLD

June 7 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

FB: FUMC Dothan Tween Ministry

**IG:** Tweensfumcdothan

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#### **BIBLE STUDY**

June 14 - from 6-7:30 p.m. bring your own food!

**IG:** Fumcdothanyouth

#### **JOIN THE FUMC STAFF**

For job descriptions, and how to apply for the positions listed below, please visit our website at fumcdothan.org/join-our-team

#### **POSITIONS:**

- FT Associate Director of Student Ministry and Girls Ministry
  - PT Music Intern
  - PT Nursery Worker
  - FT Daycare Worker
    - FT Custodian

#### **WORSHIP PERFORMING ARTS**

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Chancel choir 6-7:30 p.m.

#### **RESPITE CARE MINISTRY**

## VOLUNTEER & CAREGIVER TRAINING

(Next meeting June 14)

The training group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. 158.

## CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (Next meeting June 15)

The support group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Rm. 158.

#### **VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION**

June 22, 11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Hall Speaker: Bishop Lawson Bryan RSVP to susan@fumcdothan.org by June 19.

#### **JOYS & CONCERNS**

#### **OUR SYMPATHY TO:**

Minna Appleby, Pug Grimes,
McKenzie Crutchfield and their family
due to the death of Sara Brewer
who passed away May 26. Sara was
the sister of Minna and Pug, and
McKenzie's grandmother.

The friends and family of Dorothy Ann "Dottie" Jones who passed away May 27.

#### **RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL:**

Barbara Stockman

#### THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

#### **FIRST LIGHT CHAPEL COMMUNION**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

#### **BRIDGE AND SANCTUARY WORSHIP**

What Holds Us Together? Matthew 28:16-20

#### **55 FORWARD**

#### June 13

**River Nile lunch fellowship** - 11:30 a.m. To reserve your spot, please call the church office at 334-793-3555, by **June 12**.

#### June 22

#### Movie Afternoon - 2 p.m., Room

**165.** Join us for popcorn and the movie, "You've Got Mail." For more information contact Ashley Brasington at ashley@fumcdothan.org.

#### **MEMORIALS**

#### **Walker Epps**

Lisbeth Ash
David Hendrix
Susan & Pervis Hester
Maria Shelor
Sarah Shepard
Mitzi & William Watson
Gloria & George Jeffcoat

#### **Dot Harrison**

David Hendrix

#### **Bernice Hawke**

Bettye Forbus and Bill Perkins

#### **Betty Hendrix**

David Hendrix

#### **Bill Owens**

Sarah Shepard

#### **Terry Slater**

Glenda & Jim Rose

#### **Lynne Summerford**

Sarah Shepard

#### **Denise Upchurch**

Gloria & George Jeffcoat

#### **BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

## SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN the week of June 19, 6-7 p.m.

Sign up at fumcdothan.org

#### Studies:

- Ignite Women's group -"Habits of the Household -
- Ignite Women's group -"Get Out of Your Head"
- Pastor's Study with Sean Peters -"The Road Back to You"
- Marriage Study group -"You and Me Forever"
- Men's Discipleship Group -"Be Disciples"

Nursery provided.

## Welcome new members to FUMC Dothan



Ginger & Paul Brannon joined our church May 28.



Carla & Bob Elswick joined our church May 28.



Carol & Hayden Hundley joined our church May 28. Pictured with daughter, Hill.









Respite ministry needs help filling 'boxes of sunshine' for Wiregrass Angel House

Bring yellow items to the bin located inside the Welcome Center by June 11.

Our Respite Care
Ministry has an
opportunity to bless
the **Wiregrass Angel House**, a non profit
group that ministers
to victims of crime in
the Wiregrass area.
The Respite Ministry



"Sunshine Boxes" with yellow items such as lemon drops, gum, snack crackers, mac & cheese, (or other yellow-themed items) to bless the Wiregrass Angel House with kindness and encouragement. If you want to help, please bring your yellow items to the bin located inside the Welcome Center by June 11.

#### **MISSION TEAM MEETING**

The Honduras Mission Team will meet

Sunday, June 11, at 10 a.m. in Room 134

to discuss the upcoming mission trip to
Orphanage Emmanuel that will take place
October 5-10. If you are interested in missions,
please join us! For more information,
please contact Ryan Deaton at ryan@fumcdothan.org.





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